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SUBJECT: LIBYAN REACTION TO CAMP DAVID RESTRAINED; SYRIAN
FONMIN KHADDAM VISITS BRIEFLY

1. LIBYA'S PUBLIC REACTION TO THE CAMP DAVID TALKS REMAINS
MUTED DESPITE APPARENT ATTEMPTS BY STEADFASTNESS MEMBERS TO
CLOSE THEIR RANKS. DAILY PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIPOLI AND
OTHER CITIES IN CONTINUING CELEBRATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 1
REVOLUTION DAY HAVE BEEN DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO DOMESTIC ISSUES.
RADIO TRIPOLI'S NEWS BROADCASTS ROUTINELY INCLUDE A CONDEMNATION
OF THE TALKS AT "DAVID'S STABLE" (ECHOING QADHAFI'S DISPARAGING
REFERENCE TO CAMP DAVID SEPTEMBER 1), BUT THE ITEM HAS THUS FAR
BEEN BURIED TOWARDS THE END OF THE BULLETIN.

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2. AT THE SAME TIME, RADIO TRIPOLI HAS REPORTED THAT
SYRIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABD
AL-HALIM KHADDAM VISITED TRIPOLI BRIEFLY SEPTEMBER 6, MEETING
WITH QADHAFI, FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI AND ACTING LIAISON
SECRETARY TALHI. A SOURCE AT THE SYRIAN EMBASSY SAID
KHADDAM WAS TRYING TO GAIN LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR A

MEETING OF STEADFASTNESS FRONT MEMBERS IN DAMASCUS LATER
THIS MONTH. LOCAL NEWS REPORTS SIMPLY STATED THAT KHADDAM
WAS CONVEYING A MESSAGE TO QADHAFI FROM AL-ASAD, AND THAT
THE TALKS WERE CONCERNED WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION IN
THE ARAB WORLD AND "EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP'S ATTEMPTS TO
LIQUIDATE THE ARAB CAUSE."
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